

keep looking for it. (Rep. Stark would prefer to get insurers to take all customers at a common price, regardless of health status. Rep. Army would set up 'high-risk pools' to subsidize sick people's coverage in the 22 states that haven't already done so.)

"Too often, when Congress turns to health issues, it ends up applying legislative Band-Aids. It's time to address underlying causes. The biggest health problem facing the country is the uninsured. The tax code can be used to help them. We urge a bipartisan consensus to do so."

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA
FAMILY BUSINESS AWARD FI-
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HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Finalists for the first ever California Family Business Award. Ten Businesses from Bakersfield to Atwater are among the finalists.

Alert-O-Lite, Inc. in Fresno, provides traffic control and construction supply sales and rentals, and also operates a sign division, Signmax! The company has grown rapidly since its founding in 1971 by Eddie Hunsaker and Jake Jensen. Hunsaker bought out his partner in 1979 and brought his four children as partners in 1981. Revenues have doubled in the last seven years, and the company currently has three locations and 27 full-time employees. Alert-O-Lite was presented with the Top 5 Business Award in 1996.

Droogh Dairy in Lemoore, presently milking 1,100 cows with a herd size of 2,200, was founded by Case Droogh and his wife Corrie. They started in the dairy business in 1953 with a small farm in Paramount, California and several years later built a dairy with a herd size of 350 in Chino. They moved their dairy from Chino to Lemoore in 1974. In 1987 they remodeled to accommodate more than 1,000 cows and added a state-of-the-art milking system, fully computerized machines, and 5,000 acres of farmland for growing feed.

Ennis Homes in Porterville develops and builds single family and multifamily residential housing and professional offices and commercial complexes in the Central Valley. The company has grown tremendously in the past five years, with developments in Porterville, Tulare, Handford and Bakersfield. In 1995 it was named "Builder of the Year" by the Building Industry Association of Tulare and Kings County. Ennis Homes, founded in 1979 by Ben Ennis and his wife Roberta, was known as Ennis Development Corporation until March 1998.

Gray Lift, Inc. in Fresno, which provides material handling equipment, was established in 1957 by John L. Waugh, Sr. and Will Gray. From a single location in Fresno with nine employees and five service vehicles, it presently operates throughout 14 counties with approximately 160 full-time employees and more than 70 service vehicles. It has added branches in

Bakersfield, Santa Maria and Manteca, California. Three new divisions have been created since 1985; Forklift Wholesale Co., Warehouse Systems, and Construction Rental Services.

Grimmway Farms in Bakersfield is a fully integrated carrot and processed operation, from planting and growing to packing, processing and marketing. Grimmway harvests carrots from a total of 40,000 acres annually, with nearly half of the acreage devoted to "baby" carrots. The cut-and-peeled carrots account for more than half of the total dollar volume. To provide their buyers with year-round supplies, the company sources carrots from Bakersfield, Lancaster, the Imperial Valley and the Cuyama area in California, as well as Colorado.

Hester Orchard, Inc. in Visalia grows plums, walnuts, and oranges, dehydrates walnuts and pecans, and provides compost spreading and truck services. The farming operation started in 1940 with John Hester and his wife Ruth. In 1980, Hester Farms built a permanent office site to meet its growing needs. It is now farming 710 acres of owned and leased property in permanent tree crops. Commercial services include walnut harvesting; walnut hulling and drying at the rate of 220 tons per day; pecan hulling and drying; rental of dry storage space; and trucking.

Horstmann Financial and Insurance Services in Fresno has been providing life insurance services to Valley residents since 1958. John E. Horstmann is the founder of the company and is run by two generations of the family. In 1990, John Horstmann and seven other estate and business planners from across the country founded a national resource center for estate and business succession planning, based in Dallas. From the original eight members, the group has grown to include more than 100 professionals.

J.D. Heiskell & Co. in Tulare, has been in operation since 1886. They recently were named the highest volume single feed production facility in the United States, with nearly twice the volume of its nearest competitor. It was started by Jefferson Davis Heiskell as a branch of the Farmer's Union Warehouse Company of Stockton. Heiskell supervised the construction and operation of the Tulare Warehouse and a subsequent one in Delano. A decade later he bought the grain storage facility and later expanded into grain sales. In 1972, J.D. Heiskell and Co. built a modern computer-operated feed mill on its property. The company also owns and operates retail farm stores in Tulare, Visalia and Porterville. It is in its fourth generation of family operation.

Joseph Gallo Farms in Atwater operates 12,000 acres of land, raising five varieties of wine grapes, dairy cattle, dairy feed and cheese. It was founded in 1946 by Joseph Gallo, who owns Joseph Gallo Farms with his son Michael, CEO, and daughter Linda Gallo Jelacich. Gallo started out growing wine grapes, then cultivated other crops, as well as cattle, for market. The farm moved into milking in 1979, built a cheese-processing plant in 1982, began generic cheese processing in 1983, and developed the Joseph Farms brand in 1984. Joseph Farms, which processes approximately one million pounds of milk daily into award winning cheese, is presently the

largest selling, California-brand retail cheese. It is sold in more than 20 states and in Mexico, the South Pacific, Guam, the Caribbean, and Japan.

Lyles Diversified, Inc. in Fresno, is involved in shopping center and business park developments, real estate rental operations, underground pipeline and utility construction, heavy concrete and mechanical construction, manufacturing of closed circuit television surveillance equipment, and agricultural operations. The business was started as a proprietorship in 1945 by W.M. Lyles and Elizabeth V. Lyles, as a contractor specializing in oil field underground pipelines. It soon expanded into other types of underground construction; added orchard in 1974; started acquiring apartment complexes in the early 1970's, and later added office and hotel properties; and in the mid to late 1970's began to develop land for industrial and commercial use. It has grown into an organization consisting of Lyles Diversified, Inc., seven subsidiary corporations, and numerous partnerships. Three generations of Lyles family members currently are involved.

The winner of the California Family Business Award was J.D. Heiskell & Co. These businesses have all shown tremendous growth and achievement. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing J.D. Heiskell & Co. along with the finalists, many more years of continued success.

S. 1196 A BILL TO IMPROVE THE
QUALITY, TIMELINESS, AND
CREDIBILITY OF FORENSIC
SCIENCE SERVICES FOR CRIMI-
NAL JUSTICE PURPOSES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

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Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to urge my colleagues to support a bill I introduced yesterday which will improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. I proudly sponsored the House companion to this bill.

With passage of this bill, the Congress will affirm to our law enforcement professionals that we care enough to provide them with the expertise that they need to do their jobs in an expeditious manner.

Across the country, state and local crime labs, Medical Examiners' and Coroners' offices face alarming shortages in forensic science resources. We see and hear of great advances in technology in all aspects of our lives. Yet, in my State of Georgia, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Decatur, Georgia must still catalog its cases manually. This is not right, Mr. Speaker. Our forensic labs lack the funding to create computer networks that would connect not only their forensic equipment with internal computers, but would also allow them to share information with crime labs across the country.

In a 1996 national survey of 299 crime labs, it was found that 8 out of 10 labs have experienced a growth in their caseloads which exceeds the growth in their budget. Crime data